different rates. This is for the reason that the excise duty structure on fibres and yarns is based on various factors like revenue potential, consumption pattern etc. There is no proposal at present before the Government for levying uniform *ad-valorem* duties on textile fibres and yarns.

**Banks in Punjab set on Fire**

398. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of rural branches of the nationalised banks in Punjab were recently set on fire by the terrorists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the total estimated loss in each of the bank branches destroyed in fire; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Goevrnment to meet such eventuali ties in future?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The District-wise details of the estimated loss reported is given in the Statement attached *(See below)*

(c) Government of India have reviewed the situation and the State Government have intensified the security arrangements for banks.

**Statement**

*District-wise details of banks branches burnt in Punjab during October-November* 1991 *and estimated loss involved therein.*

| Name of the Bank | Village/Branch | Loss of Cash |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | **Ludhiana District** | |
| 1. UCO Bank | Romi | 55000/- |
| 2. Punjab & Sind Bank | Chakkar | 10000/- |
| 3. Punjab National Bank | Mallan | 35000/- |
| 4. Co-op, Bank | Kamalpur | 50000/- |
| 5. Punjab & Sind Bank | Lila | 50000/- |
| 6. Co-op, Bank | Lodhiwal | 25000/-— + DBBL—2, Catgs.— 5 |
| 7. Oriental Bank of Commerce. | Lodhiwal | . . |
| 8. Oriental Bank of Commerce. | College Sidwan | 55000/- |
| 9. Punjab & Sind Bank | Nathowal | 60000/- |
| 10. UCO Bank | Jhurka | 55000/- |
| 11. Indian Overseas Bank | Theurke | 3 lakhs |
| 12. Punjab National Bank | Dhandran | 3 lakhs |
| 13. UCO Bank | Lalton | 3 lakhs |
| 14. UCO Bank | Surjapur | 85000/- |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| | **Sangrur District** | |
| 1. | Malwa Gramin Bank | Karor |
| 2. | Malwa Gramin Bank | Mehal Kalan |
| 3. | State Bank of Patiala | Jalalde Wala |
| 4. | Co-op. Bank | Kutba |
| 5. | Oriental Bank of Commerce | Vehla |
| 6 | Central Co-op. Bank | Panj Graian |
| 7. | State Bank of India | Panj Graian |
| 8. | Co-op. Bank | Bari |
| 9. | State Bank of India | Cheema |
| 10. | Punjab & Sind Bank | Bhotna |
| 11. | Malwa Gramin Bank | Tholewal |
| 12. | Co-op. Bank | Tholewal |
| 13. | Punjab National Bank | Maur Nabha |
| | **Faridkot District** | |
| 1. | State Bank of India | Sukha Nand |
| 2. | Canara Bank | Mari Mustfa |
| 3. | Punjab National Bank | Veroke |
| 4. | Canara Bank | Rode |
| | **Jalandhar District** | |
| 1. | State Bank of India | Kalyan Pur |
| | **Amritsar District** | |
| 1. | Punjab National Bank | Chetan Pura |
| 2. | Punjab & Sind Bank | Chogawan |
| 3. | Punjab & Sind Bank | Khiala Kalan |